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In re application of: Neal GUTTERSON, *et al.*
Application No.: 09/924,197
Filed: 07 August, 2001
Title: Methods of Gene Silencing Using Inverted
Repeat Sequences

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) Examiner: David Kruse
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) Art Unit: 1635
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) **AMENDMENT/RESPONSE**
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:


In response to the Office Action dated November 22, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and/or remarks. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) Facsimile coversheet
- 2) Transmittal
- 3) Attachment A: Copy of the stamped receipt indication postcard that accompanied formal drawings submitted on November 19, 2001.
- 4) Attachment B: Courtesy copy of submission of formal drawings.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:
Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.
Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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